

JABAL TAFNIS

The [hermitages](#) of the Jabal Tafnis, a mountain chain that owes its name to the fact that it is on the latitude of Tabennese, in the valley of the Nile, are about 5 miles (8 km) northeast of Shams al-Din, almost at the summit of the rocky plateau. At the site are some small caves, which served as cells, and a spring. There are some drawings (stars of David, candlesticks), and some red [graffiti](#) among which we may recognize the names **iwv/v**, **pauloc precb**, ioseph paulos presb, the initials **ic**, **c**, is chs, and the sequence **pauloc yewdwroc pectrad/lat/c**, paulos [theodoros](#) pestradelates, which must be understood as “St. Paul, [Theodore](#) the commander.”

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